In the Specification

Please, amend claims 24, 26, 28-30, 32, 37, and 39-44 as follows.

Please cancel claims 25, 38, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, and 82.

Please add new claims 83-94 as follows:

24. (Amended) A method for establishing the validity of a display created by a non-secure printer, said method comprising the steps of:

placing in said printer paper upon which information may be created, said paper containing preestablished data which is unique to said paper; and

communicating at least a portion of said preestablished data to a location independent from said printer, said independent location operable to send to said printer a security indicia, as part of a human readable display, said security indicia created in part by information contained in said preestablished media data and whereby said security indicia is validatable at a subsequent time partially under control of data contained in said preestablished paper data, said-unique data being created on said paper using one or more of the following methods:

conventional ink, infra-red ink, ultra-violet ink, magnetic ink, isotope tagging, fluorescent ink, holograph marking, silicon chip implant or [watermarking.] watermarking;

wherein said paper is divided into sections, each section adapted for printing thereon information pertaining to a different display, each such display having associated therewith a security indicia.

26. (Amended) The method of claim [25] 24 wherein each said display is generated from the same preestablished data.

27. (Amended) The method of claim 26 wherein the human readable portion of each said display is identical to all the other human readable displays on the media.

28. (Amended) The method of claim [25] 24 wherein the security portion of each said identical display is different.

29.   (Amended)   The method of claim [25] 24 wherein the security portion of each said identical display is the same.

30.   (Amended)   The method of claim [25] 24 wherein the security portion of each display includes a portion of said preestablished data.

32.   (Amended)   The method of claim [25] 24 wherein the sections control the delivery of mail pieces when said security indicia is created thereon.

37.   (Amended)   A method for establishing the validity of a display created by a non-secure printer, said method comprising the steps of:

placing in said printer paper upon which information may be created, said paper containing preestablished data which is unique to said paper;

communicating at least a portion of said preestablished data to a location independent from said printer, said independent location operable to send to said printer a security indicia, as part of a human readable display, said security indicia created in part by information contained in said preestablished media data and whereby said security indicia is validatable at a subsequent time partially under control of data contained in said preestablished paper data, said unique data being created on said paper which is part of a form defining one or more from the group consisting of:

postage stamps, money orders, certified checks, cashier checks, travelers' checks, bank drafts, letters of credit, legal documents, legal certificates, diplomas, passports, birth certificates, visas, drivers licenses, social security cards, medical insurance cards, vacation packages, travel vouchers, car rental vouchers, hotel vouchers, meal vouchers, drink vouchers, food stamps, tickets, baggage tags, prescriptions (R_X), vehicle licenses, vehicle [titles.] titles;
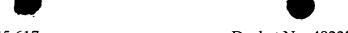
wherein said paper is divided into sections, each section adapted for printing thereon information pertaining to a different display, each such display having associated therewith a security indicia.

39.   (Amended)   The method of claim [38] 37 wherein said security indicia is created from one or more of the following:

conventional ink, infra-red ink, ultra-violet ink, magnetic ink, isotope tagging, fluorescent ink, holograph marking, silicon chip implant or watermarking.

40.   (Amended)   The method of claim [38] 37 wherein each said display is generated from the same preestablished data.

41.   (Amended)   The method of claim [38] 37 wherein the human readable portion of each said display is identical to all the other human readable displays on the media.

42.   (Amended)   The method of claim [38] 37 wherein the security portion of each said identical display is different.

43.   (Amended)   The method of claim [38] 37 wherein the security portion of each said identical display is the same.

44.   (Amended)   The method of claim [38] 37 wherein the sections control the delivery of mail pieces when said security indicia is created thereon.

Please add new claims 83-94 as follows:

83.   (New) A method of creating a document, wherein authenticity of the document will be verified at a time subsequent to creation of the document, comprising:

receiving a specified amount of financial credit from a consumer;

receiving information from said consumer that identifies a payee for said specified amount of financial credit;
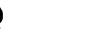
receiving a unique identifier from a stock, wherein said unique identifier comprises an encryption key;
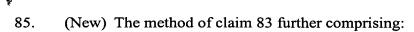
creating authentication information, wherein said authentication information is used by the consumer to complete a financial transaction;

encrypting said authentication information utilizing said encryption key; and

communicating said encrypted authentication information to be printed on said stock.

84.   (New) The method of claim 83 further comprising:

completing payment of said specified amount of financial value to said payee.

85.   (New) The method of claim 83 further comprising:

debiting the specified amount of financial value from an account maintained by the consumer.

86.   (New) The method of claim 83 wherein said step of receiving a specified amount is performed by an intermediary via the Internet.

87.   (New) The method of claim 83 wherein said step of receiving a specified amount is performed by a vending device.

88.   (New) The method of claim 83 wherein said authentication information is encoded in a machine-readable format.

89.   (New) The method of claim 88 wherein said machine-readable format is a bar code.

90.   (New) A system for creating a document, wherein authenticity of the document will be verified at a time subsequent to creation of the document, comprising:

means for receiving a specified amount of financial credit from a consumer;

means for receiving information from said consumer that identifies a payee for said specified amount of financial credit;

means for receiving a unique identifier from a stock, wherein said unique identifier comprises an encryption key;

means for creating authentication information, wherein said authentication information includes information pertaining to a financial transaction;

means for encrypting said authentication information utilizing said encryption key; and

means for communicating said encrypted authentication information to be printed on said stock.

91.   (New) The system of claim 90 wherein said means for of receiving a specified amount receives communication of said specified amount via the Internet.

92.   (New) The system of claim 90 wherein said means for receiving a specified amount receives communication of said specified amount via a user interface of a vending device.

93.   (New) The system of claim 90 wherein said authentication information is encoded in a machine-readable format.

94.   (New) The system of claim 93 wherein said machine-readable format is a bar code.